Incident Management News
Highway incident management news for the Hartford, New Britain, & Middletown areas

Incident Management Planning Team
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Summer Hiatus
Although it has been a while since you have heard from us, we have not been “completely” on vacation. The regional radio proposal will soon be ready to submit to ConnDOT for review and we are busy planning for an interesting September meeting. Watch your mail for a notice.

Diversion Routes Are Implemented
- A bus and car collision shuts down the Interstate for several hours.
- Three tractor trailers are involved in a major accident and a HazMat investigation requires the Interstate to be shut down through the morning rush hour.

Police Chiefs: Are your people ready to instantly handle the diversion of traffic onto your local roads?
Do they know that ConnDOT is ready to assist them with signs and manpower?
Last May, plans for predetermined diversion routes were distributed to police departments along Interstates 84 and 91. Already those plans have been called into use in two instances.

A bus/car collision shut down I-91 in Windsor for almost three hours on Saturday, May 30. The collision of three tractor trailers closed the northbound lanes of I-91 near Meriden for more than 12 hours on Thursday, June 25. Southbound lanes were shut down for five hours through the rush hour. I-691 and Rt. 15 were also shut down for a period of time.

In both instances, State and local police were able to react quickly because the detour routes were already planned.

The next major highway incident may affect your town soon. Do your dispatchers and other critical personnel know about the planned diversion routes and how to use them? Do they know where the plan sheets are located? Some towns have made several black and white copies, ready for action when needed. Take the time now to train your staff in the use of these plans. If you have any questions about their use, give Jim Mona a call at 594-3450.

Fire Chiefs: This is your last chance to participate in the regional radio proposal. A survey sheet is being sent to those departments who have not responded to our request for information about their radio needs. If you provide emergency services to limited access highways and do not receive a form by July 17, call Karen Olson at 522-2217. Responses must be returned by July 31.
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